

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)

Associated Occupation: First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers (43-1011)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 65

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	16.7	13.7	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Administration and Management	8.4	14.6	6.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	12.7	12.7	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	10.6	5.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Economics and Accounting	4.4	9.0	2.5	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	14.6	13.3	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Monitoring	9.9	13.6	11.5	< A higher skill level may be required
Coordination	9.1	13.3	9.6	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	13.3	11.4	< A higher skill level may be required
Time Management	8.9	12.5	8.7	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Management of Personnel Resources	6.9	12.3	5.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Negotiation	6.8	11.9	7.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Learning Strategies	7.2	11.4	7.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Persuasion	7.4	11.1	7.3	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Financial Resources	3.3	6.4	2.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Material Resources	3.7	6.2	2.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	15.1	13.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	13.4	11.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	12.5	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Originality	7.6	10.7	6.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	10.0	6.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Memorization	5.6	7.2	5.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 47
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Work Activities		Exclusivity of Activity
Order or purchase supplies, materials, or equipment		35
Schedule meetings or appointments		68

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 59

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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